



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Secretary Abraham:

I am writing this letter under Section 114(a)(1)(D) of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act (NWPA) of 1982. Under the NWPA, any recommendation by the Secretary of Energy to the President to approve a site for development of a repository for the disposal of spent nuclear fuel and other high-level radioactive waste at the Yucca Mountain site must include a final environmental impact statement (FEIS) for Yucca Mountain "together with comments made concerning such environmental impact statement by . . . the Administrator" and other specified parties.

EPA has reviewed the Department of Energy's (DOE) draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for Yucca Mountain; supplemental DEIS, and the FEIS for Yucca Mountain. Based on our reviews of these documents, EPA believes they adequately describe the environmental impacts of constructing a repository at Yucca Mountain and satisfy the requirements of NWPA Section 114(a)(1)(D).

We will continue to work with DOE as necessary to fulfill statutory obligations with regard to Yucca Mountain and to provide other assistance.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Spencer Abraham
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